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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been involved in the computer industry since 1978. It is my humble opinion that we would not be where we are today without industry leaders like Microsoft. Microsoft has almost single handedly paved the road to get technology on the desktop, where it is today.

I have never really understood the government trying to protect me, the consumer, from a good company like Microsoft. An American company that started out with nothing, was in the right place and the right time, made good decisions and through the same basic business philosophy that we preach to our children, become one of the most successful companies of all time. Now my government says they have gotten too big and successful, that that cheap operating system or browser they provide for free can't be good.

I know this, if it were not for Microsoft we would still be in the dark ages with computers, and to purchase the software that Microsoft almost gives away it would cost 10-20 times what Microsoft charges for it.

I'm a small business man, I understand competition, if I do my job better than my competitor, I will survive, If I don't, I won't.

What message should record in history? Be successful, but don't be too successful? This Microsoft story is as American as apple pie. Don't mess with my apple pie. Let this story play out. Just as Microsoft got on top, they could be just as easily tumbled by some other innovative concepts we have not considered. The government is trying to handle this; time will take care of any antitrust problem on its own.

Settle with Microsoft and let's get on to the things in this country that are important.

Sincerely,

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